(ख) बिहार के नबी नगर में 1000 मे०वा० की मेगा विद्युत परियोजना का विकास किए जाने के लिए भारत सरकार ने प्रस्ताव रखा है।

(ग) पावर ग्रिड कार्पोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया ने इस परियोजना के लिए 18 अगस्त, 1997 को नोटिस इनवाइटिंग टेण्डर जारी किया है। बोली संबंधी प्रत्येक क्रय करने की अंतिम तारीख 30 नवंबर, 1997 है।

Impact of Price Hike of natural Gas on Power Generation Sector

281. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the impact of the recent hike in prices of Natural gas on the power generation sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): The recent increase in prices of natural gas has resulted in an increase in the fuel component of power tariff of gas based power stations. The price of gas varies for different gas based projects decending inter alia upon the sales tax levied in different states and the calorific value of gas fired. The increase in tariff because of the recent hike in prices of natural gas is in the range of 15 paise/KWH to 18 paise/KWH in respect of gas power stations in the Central Sector.

Offering of Power Transmission Projects to Foreign and Domestic Companies

282. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to offer six major power transmission projects to foreign and domestic companies;

(b) what are the main modalities of the agreements drawn up in this regard;

(c) in which States/Union territories the projects are located and what would be the completion dates; and

(d) what are the details of expenditure involved, the plans for investment and the results to be achieved in these six projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) The following six transmission projects, with a total estimated cost of Rs. 8,000 crores have been identified for investment with the involvement of private sector:

(i) AC interconnector between Raipur in Western Region and Rourkela in Eastern Region — Rs. 300 Crores.

(ii) Transmission system for evacuation of power from Hirma (Orissa) to the Northern Region — Rs. 3355 crores.

(iii) Transmission system for evacuation of power from Hirma to the Western Region— Rs. 1300 crores.

(iv) Transmission scheme in the chicken neck area of West Bengal to evacuate power from the North Eastern Region — Rs. 350 crores.

(v) HVDC Line associated with transmission system of Talcher II project of NTPC in Orissa to evacuate power to southern Region— Rs. 1250 crores.

(vi) DHDVDC terminus at Talcher Project in Orissa and at Kolar (near Bangalore) in Karnataka associated with Transmission system of Talcher II project of NTPC — Rs. 1520 crores.

The Electricity Laws (Amendment) Bill 1997 was introduce in the last session of Parliament to amend the Indian Electricity Act 1910 and Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 to widen the scope for private investment in transmission projects. The Bill is under the consideration of the Standing Committee on